

berg synonym is also cited, it is possible that the Marshall reference was copied by Nuttall from Muhlenberg.

Furrow (1976) is correct in his contention that to transfer Marshall's earlier epithet from *Betula-Alnus* to *Alnus* would create a later homonym (prohibited by Articles 55[1] and 64). His creation of a new name for *B. maritima* to avoid the creation of a homonym, however, is not correct. Article 55(2) requires that if an earlier legitimate specific epithet is available for the species, it must be adopted. *Alnus maritima* as proposed by Nuttall (1842) is legitimate, is available, and antedates Furrow's *A. metoporina*. *Alnus maritima* Muhl. ex Nutt. must be retained for this plant.

We propose to lectotypify *Alnus maritima* on the Pickering specimen (PH) on which Nuttall's (1842) description and Plate X (bis) were based, and not on the Bartram specimen (#477 in Herb. Muhlenberg, PH) which was also seen and indirectly mentioned by Nuttall. Furrow has supplied a neotype for Marshall's *Betula-Alnus maritima*.

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## NEW TAXA AND COMBINATIONS IN THE GENUS *LASIACIS* (GRAMINEAE)

The following new taxa and new combinations are published in advance of my systematic treatment of the genus *Lasiacis* in order to make them available for use in other publications. A new species, *Lasiacis nigra* Davidse, has also been published (Davidse, 1974). Full explanations for my treatment will be given in the forthcoming publication.

***Lasiacis divaricata* (L.) Hitchc. var. *austroamericana* Davidse, var. nov.**

Ab *L. divaricata* var. *divaricata* spiculis globosis et ramis paniculae ascendentibus differt.

TYPE: BRAZIL. MINAS GERAIS: Near Santa Barbara do Caparaco, streamside, suffrutescent, 3 m high, climbing and rooting at lower joints, "canaviera," 21 Nov. 1929, *Mexia* 4007 (NY, holotype; F, GH, UC, US, isotypes).

***Lasiacis divaricata* (L.) Hitchc. var. *leptostachya* (Hitchc.) Davidse, comb. et stat. nov.**

*Lasiacis leptostachya* Hitchc., Contr. U.S. Natl. Herb. 22: 19. 1920. TYPE: NICARAGUA. Jinotepe, jungle, 500 m, stout central canes, branches more or less whorled and slender, floral branches conspicuously flexuous, panicles all small, 7 Nov. 1911, *Hitchcock* 8718 (US, holotype).

***Lasiacis grisebachii* (Nash) Hitchc. var. *lindeliiana* Davidse, var. nov.**

Ab *L. grisebachii* var. *grisebachii* laminis latioribus (1.5–2.0 cm) differt.

TYPE: CUBA. HABANA: Lomas de Camoa, in siloa locis umbrasis satis frequens, 27 Nov. 1921, *Ekman* 13530 (US-1295003, holotype; F, NY, US-1502317, isotypes).

***Lasiacis oaxacensis* (Griseb.) Hitchc. var. *maxonii* (Swallen) Davidse, comb. et stat. nov.**

*Lasiacis maxonii* Swallen, Ann. Missouri Bot. Gard. 30: 231. 1943. TYPE: PANAMA. CHIRIQUÍ: Vicinity of El Boquete, in thickets along wet trail, 1,000–1,300 m, 2–8 Mar. 1911, *Maxon* 4999 (US, holotype; US, isotype).

***Lasiacis rugelii* (Griseb.) Hitchc. var. *pohlii* Davidse, var. nov.**

Ab *L. rugelii* var. *rugelii* spiculis globosis minoribus, inflorescentiis minoribus, ramis paniculae ascendentibus vel patentibus, pseudopetiolis amplis differt.

TYPE: COSTA RICA. CARTAGO: 1 km NE of Pejibaye, along Río Pejibaye, growing at base of tree, ca. 700 m, 2 Nov. 1968, *Pohl & Davidse* 11478 (ISC, holotype; CR, EAP, K, MO, US, isotypes).

***Lasiacis ruscifolia* (H.B.K.) Hitchc. var. *velutina* (Swallen) Davidse, comb. et stat. nov.**

*Lasiacis velutina* Swallen, Ceiba 4: 288. 1955. TYPE: HONDURAS. MORAZÁN: Vicinity of El Zamorano, road to San Antonio, 17 Oct. 1951, *Swallen* 10834 (US, holotype).

***Lasiacis sorghoidea* (Desv.) Hitchc. & Chase var. *patentiflora* (Hitchc. & Chase) Davidse, comb. et stat. nov.**

*Lasiacis patentiflora* Hitchc. & Chase, Contr. U.S. Natl. Herb. 18: 338. 1917. TYPE: TOBAGO: Center of island, edge of woods on mountainside, 20 Dec. 1912, *Hitchcock* 10268 (US-865566, holotype; US-975660, isotype).

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